

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A data processing apparatus comprising:  
an instruction memory in which an instruction is stored;  
a data memory in which data is stored;  
an instruction decoder decoding a fetched instruction,  
5 a memory operation unit connected to said instruction memory, said  
data memory and said instruction decoder, fetching an instruction stored in  
said instruction memory, and accessing said data memory according to a  
decode result of said instruction decoder; and  
an integer operation unit carrying out an integer operation  
10 according to a decode result of said instruction decoder,  
said instruction memory including a plurality of instruction memory  
banks,  
said memory operation unit generating a pipeline stage  
corresponding to selection of an instruction memory bank and a pipeline  
15 stage corresponding to instruction readout to carry out pipeline processing  
when a plurality of instructions are fetched from a plurality of said  
instruction memory banks.

2. The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said instruction memory further includes a first bank select circuit decoding  
an address including a low order address to generate chip select signals of  
said plurality of instruction memory banks so that a different instruction  
5 memory bank of said plurality of instruction memory banks is accessed  
when instructions at continuous addresses are accessed.

3. The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
said instruction memory further includes a high speed instruction memory,  
wherein said memory operation unit generates a pipeline stage  
corresponding to instruction readout to carry out a pipeline process without  
5 generating a pipeline stage corresponding to selection of an instruction  
memory bank when fetching an instruction from said high speed instruction

memory.

4. The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said data memory includes a plurality of data memory banks,

5 wherein said memory operation unit generates a pipeline stage corresponding to selection of a data memory bank and a pipeline stage corresponding to data access to carry out a pipeline process when accessing said plurality of data memory banks.

5 5. The data processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said data memory further includes a second bank select circuit decoding an address including a high order address to generate chip select signals of said plurality of data memory banks in order to divide said plurality of data memory banks into two different regions.

5 6. The data processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said second bank select circuit decodes an address including a low order address to generate chip select signals of said plurality of data memory banks so that a different data memory bank in said plurality of data memory banks is accessed when data at continuous addresses in said two different regions are accessed.

7. The data processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said data memory further includes a high speed data memory,

5 wherein said memory operation unit generates a pipeline stage corresponding to data access to carry out a pipeline process without generating a pipeline stage corresponding to selection of a data memory bank when accessing said high speed data memory.

8. The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said memory operation unit fetches an instruction from said instruction memory via an instruction bus and accesses said data memory via a data bus differing from said instruction bus.

9. The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said memory operation unit reads out data from said data memory via a data input bus, and writes data into said data memory via a data output bus differing from said data input bus.

10. A data processing apparatus comprising:  
an instruction memory in which an instruction is stored;  
a data memory in which data is stored;  
an instruction decoder decoding a fetched instruction;  
a register file;

a memory operation unit connected to an instruction memory, said data memory and said instruction decoder, fetching an instruction stored in said instruction memory, and accessing said data memory according to a decoded result of said instruction decoder; and

an integer operation unit carrying out an integer operation according to a decoded result of said instruction decoder,

said memory operation unit retaining an instruction in a loop of instructions corresponding to a repeat instruction, when said repeat instruction is executed, in a register in said register file, and executing the loop of instructions while fetching an instruction retained in said dedicated register.

11. The data processing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said register file comprises a processor status word,

wherein said memory operation unit sets a flag in said processor status word at a first execution cycle of said loop, and retains, in the register of said register file, the instruction in the loop of instructions fetched from said instruction memory when said repeat instruction is executed, and

resets said flag in said processor status word at a second execution cycle of said loop, and executes said loop while fetching the instruction retained in said dedicated register.

12. The data processing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein

said memory operation unit retains a plurality of instructions in the loop of instructions; when said repeat instruction, in a plurality of registers in said register file, and executes said loop while fetching said plurality of instructions retained in said plurality of dedicated registers.

13. The data processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said register file includes a processor status word,  
wherein said memory operation unit sets a flag in said processor status word at a first execution cycle of said loop, and retains the plurality of instructions in the loop of fetched from said instruction memory in said plurality of registers, and resets said flag in said processor status word at a second execution cycle of said loop, and executes said loop while fetching said plurality of instructions retained in said plurality of dedicated registers.

14. The data processing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said instruction memory includes a plurality of instruction memory banks,  
wherein said memory operation unit generates a pipeline stage corresponding to selection of an instruction memory bank and a pipeline stage corresponding to instruction readout to carry out a pipeline process when fetching an instruction from said plurality of instruction memory banks.

15. The data processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said instruction memory further comprises a first bank select circuit decoding an address including a low order address to generate chip select signals of said plurality of instruction memory banks so that a different instruction memory bank of said plurality of instruction memory banks is accessed when instructions at continuous addresses are accessed.

16. The data processing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said data memory includes a plurality of data memory banks,  
wherein said memory operation unit generates a pipeline stage

5 corresponding to selection of a data memory bank and a pipeline stage  
corresponding to data access to carry out a pipeline process when said  
plurality of data memory banks are accessed.

5 17. The data processing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein  
said data memory further comprises a second bank select circuit decoding an  
address including a high order address to generate chip select signals of said  
plurality of data memory banks in order to divide said plurality of data  
memory banks into two different regions.

5 18. The data processing apparatus according to claim 17, wherein  
said second bank select circuit decodes an address including a low order  
address to generate a chip select signal of said plurality of data memory  
banks so that a different data memory bank in said plurality of data memory  
banks is accessed when data at continuous addresses in said two different  
regions are accessed.

19. The data processing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein  
said memory operation unit saves a plurality of registers including said  
dedicated register and switches a task in a task switch operation.